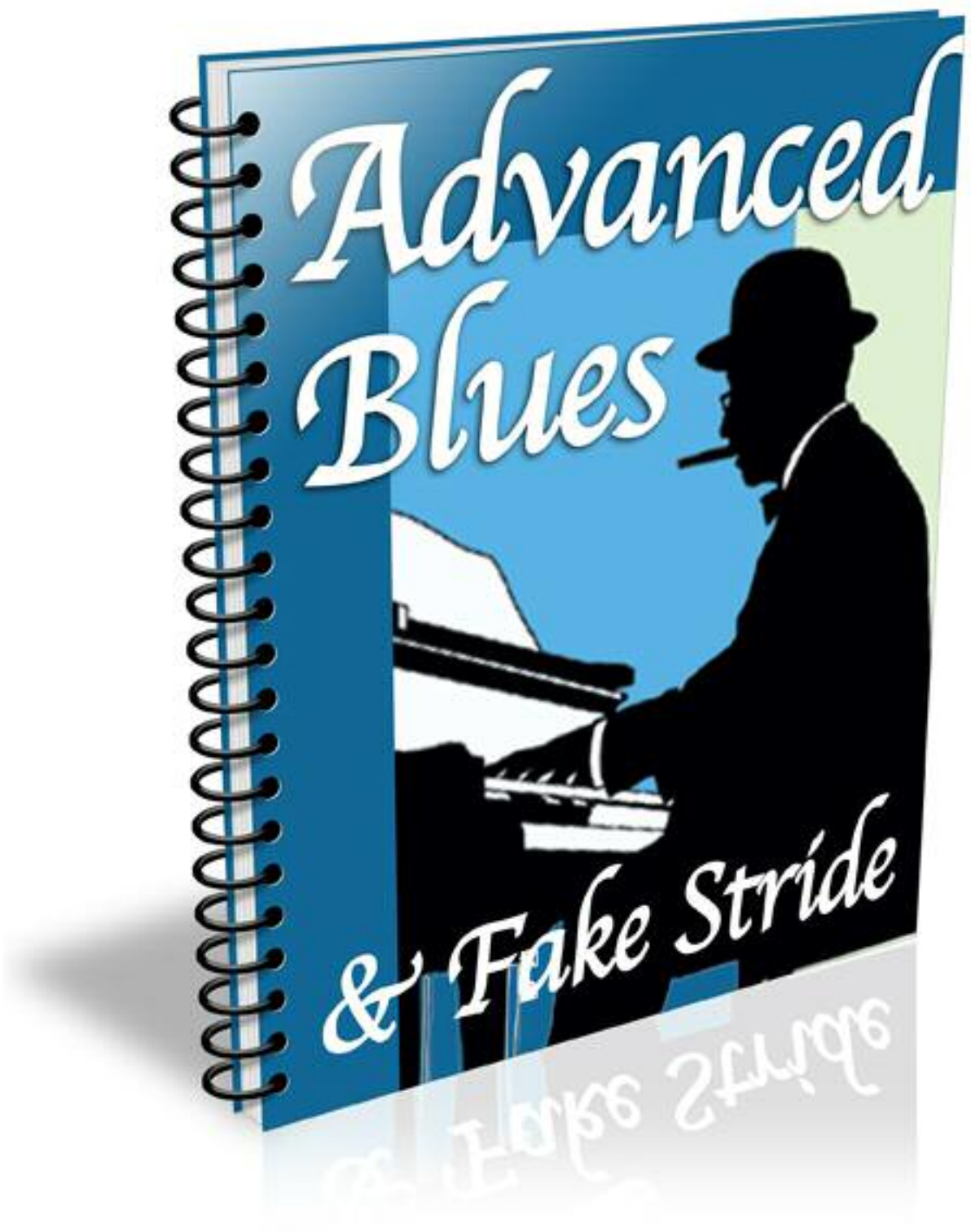
Advanced
Blues
& Fake Stride

THE PIANOFORALL INSTANT TRANSPOSER

At some stage in your playing, you will want to change a song to a different ‘key’ so that it fits your vocal range.

There is an easy way to do this (but it’s not quite so easy to explain on paper so bear with me).

Let’s say you were playing a blues in the key of C and your chords were C, F, G

But you wanted to start with the chord of E instead of C because you could sing more easily over the E chord.

So if your C changes to an E what do the other chords - F and G change to.

The easy way to do it is to move ALL the chords the EXACT same number of KEYS up or down. You can use the ROOT note of each chord to do this

It takes 5 notes to get from C to E (including C, E and all keys in between)
So to change the chords of F and G you need to go up 5 notes in the same way.

5 notes up from F is A
5 notes up from G is B

So your three new chords will be E - A - B
which are all exactly 5 notes away from C - F - G

Should one of the chords be a minor or a diminished you simply
ADD that distinction to the new chord.
ie If the original chords had been C - Fm and G diminished
The new chords would be E - Am and B diminished

Try it now but use the INSTANT TRANSPOSER on the next page.
It saves you the bother of having to count your way up the keys

You simply count how far away your FIRST chord is and then you will know which column all the OTHER chords are going to be in because they all have to be that exact number of keys away from the original chords (which will be in the white column).

When you try it a few times you will see how simple it is.

INSTANT TRANSPOSER

Number of notes from original note

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B
Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C
D	Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db
Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D
E	F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb
F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb	E
F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F
G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#
Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G
A	Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab
Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A
B	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb

If your original chord is a minor or a diminished or a seventh etc add this on to the NEW chord you are transposing to.

ie. If the original chord is G diminished and you are transposing to column 8
Your new chord would be Eb diminished